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SUBJ: PL 480 TITLE I ALLOCATION

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1. GOVERNMENT CONTROLLED CEYLON DAILY NEWS OF 9 NOV BREAKS STORY HEADLINED "20,000 TONS OF FLOUR FROM US". CITING "OFFICIAL SOURCES", ARTICLE SAYS GSL HAS BEEN "ASSURED" OF SHIPMENT OF 20,000 TONS WHEAT FLOUR FROM UNITED STATES UNDER PL 480 ARRANGEMENTS AND NOTES THAT AMERICAN GOVERNMENT MADE OFFER AS "GESTURE OF GOODWILL AND FRIENDSHIP TO SRI LANKA." STORY LISTS AVAILABLE WHEAT-FLOUR SUPPLIES, INCLUDING FRENCH PURCHASES, AND SAYS THAT, AS RESULT PROMISE OF 20,000 TONS FROM UNITED STATES, FOOD SITUATION FOR NEXT YEAR IS "BRIGHTER." U.S. FLOUR, ARTICLE STATES, IS EXPECTED BE DELIVERED IN MARCH-APRIL 1974.

2. STORY WAS APPARENTLY LEAKED BY GOVERNMENT SOURCES AND TIMED TO COINCIDE WITH DEBATEPRN NATIONAL STATE ASSEMBLY (NSA) OVER DEMAND BY UNP R. PREMADASA THAT PM TABLE HER JULY 10 LETTER TO PRESIDENT NIXON REQUESTING PL 480 FOOD. PREMADASA'S DEMAND STEMMED FROM FINANCE MINISTER'S READING OF PRESIDENT'S REPLY TO PM'S LETTER DURING NO-CONFIDENCE DEBATE OCT 4 (REF C). IN NSA DEBATE 8 NOV, PM REFUSED TABLE HER LETTER ON GROUND SHE

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DID NOT WISH SET A PRECEDENT BUT SAID SHE HAD SHOWN IT TO

LEADER OF OPPOSITON J.R. JAYWEARDENE, WHO PASSED SUBSTANCE ALONG
TO PREMADASA. GSL ALSO CLEARLY WANTED USE ANNOUNCEMENT OF PL
480 ALLOTMENT TO COUNTER CONTINUING OPPOSITION CLAIMS THAT
PM IS UNABLE OBTAIN FOOD SUPPLIES BECAUSE SHE HAD NO FRIENDS
IN WORLD.

3. FOR SAKE OF CREDIBILITY, AND WITH CONCURRENCE OF MIN-
ISTRY OF PLANNING, WE ARE ISSUING USIS PRESS RELEASE TODAY
(9 NOV), USING TEXT TRANSMITTED STATE 212147.

VAN HOLLEN

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